Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries mainly focus at strengthening the infrastructure of State Governments for promoting fishery, animal husbandry and poultry farming. None of these schemes except National Scheme for Welfare of Fishermen is directly beneficiary oriented. Under these schemes, funds are released to the State Governments on the basis of viability of proposals received, past utilization and availability of funds. During 2005-06, an amount of Rs. 842.30 lakh was released to Madhya Pradesh under various schemes related to fishery, animal husbandry and poultry farming.

Production of cotton, oilseeds and pulses

3660. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of cotton, oilseeds and pulses in Andhra Pradesh has come down drastically from 2000-01;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a drastic reduction;

(c) whether Government have made any analysis in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) In Andhra Pradesh , the production of cotton and pulses increased in 2005-06 as compared to 2000-01. However, in case of oilseeds the total production decreased in 2005-06 as compared to 2000-01. The year-wise production of cotton,oilseeds and pulses in Andhra Pradesh is shown in the table below:

(Lakh Tonnes)

Year	Cotton$	Oilseeds	Pulses
2000-01	16.63	25.11	10.54
2001-02	18.77	16.14	11.38
2002-03	10.86	12.56	10.62
2003-04	18.90	16.14	12.39
2004-05	21.90	22.09	10.13
2005-06*	19.76	20.05	11.82

$ Production in lakh baises of 170 Kgs.

* 3rd Advance Estimates.

(b) to (d) The production of agricultural crops including cotton, oilseeds and pulses, depend on many factors such as area covered, rainfall received during monsoon, favourable temperature, input position, managerial skill of farmers. If any one of more of these factors become adverse, the production is affected. In 2002-03, the production declined due to heavy impact of drought conditions. The production of pulses in 2005-06 shows an increase of more than 9% over the corresponding production of 2000-01 mainly due to increase in productivity. The production of cotton also registered an increase of about 19% in 2005-06 over 2000-01.

Containment of stray dog menace

3661. DR. M.S. GILL;
SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to ban on killing of stray dogs provided in the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, the population of stray dogs in Punjab has gone up meanacingly causing threat to public health;

(b) the steps Government have taken under Animal Birth Control Rules for castration of male dogs and spaying of the females; and

(c) whether the matter has been brought to the notice of Government by the State Government and have asked for funds for carrying out the ABC Programme as required and if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) There is no information available with the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries regarding any change in population of stray dogs in Punjab.

(b) The Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules have been widely circulated to all State Governments/Union Territories. The Municipal Corporations, Municipalities and Local bodies are made aware of the rules. The ABC programme is being implemented in all metropolitan cities and other major cities and towns. The Animal Welfare Board of India, a statutory body under the administrative control of Ministry of Environment & Forests, is administering schemes (*viz.* ABC, Shelter House, Ambulance and Natural